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INFORMATION CONCERNING ELECTED
OFFICES NOTIFIED OF THEIR ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.3)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

To:

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Date of mailing (day/month/year)

24 February 1998 (24.02.98)

Applicant's or agent's file reference

DN 1627

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

International application No.

PCT/US97/12310

International filing date (day/month/year)

09 July 1997 (09.07.97)

Priority date (day/month/year)

09 July 1996 (09.07.96)

Applicant

SMITH, Jerry, R.

1. The applicant is hereby informed that the International Bureau has, according to Article 31(7), notified each of the following Offices of its election:

EP : AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE
 National : AU, BR, CA, JP, US

2. The following Offices have waived the requirement for the notification of their election; the notification will be sent to them by the International Bureau only upon their request:

National : MX

3. The applicant is reminded that he must enter the "national phase" before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date before each of the Offices listed above. This must be done by paying the national fee(s) and furnishing, if prescribed, a translation of the International application (Article 39(1)(a)), as well as, where applicable, by furnishing a translation of any annexes of the International preliminary examination report (Article 36(3)(b) and Rule 74.1).

Some offices have fixed time limits expiring later than the above-mentioned time limit. For detailed information about the applicable time limits and the acts to be performed upon entry into the national phase before a particular Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

The entry into the European regional phase is postponed until 31 months from the priority date for all States designated for the purposes of obtaining a European patent.

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Authorized officer:

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WO 98/01928
PCT/US97/12310

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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES

(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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15 January 1998 (15.01.98)

Applicant's or agent's file reference

DN 1627

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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PCT/US97/12310

International filing date (day/month/year)

09 July 1997 (09.07.97)

Priority date (day/month/year)

09 July 1996 (09.07.96)

Applicant

SMITH, Jerry, R.

1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:

AU, BR, CA, EP, JP, US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present Notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:

MX

The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 15 January 1998 (15.01.98) under No. WO 98/01928

REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor the 19-month time limit.

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

REMINDER REGARDING ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL PHASE (Article 22 or 39(1))

If the applicant wishes to proceed with the international application in the national phase, he must, within 20 months or 30 months, or later in some Offices, perform the acts referred to therein before each designated or elected Office.

For further important information on the time limits and acts to be performed for entering the national phase, see the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 (Notification of Receipt of Record Copy) and Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF
RECORD COPY

(PCT Rule 24.2(a))

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

To:

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Date of mailing (day/month/year)

27 August 1997 (27.08.97)

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

Applicant's or agent's file reference

DN 1627

International application No.

PCT/US97/12310

The applicant is hereby notified that the International Bureau has received the record copy of the international application as detailed below.

Name(s) of the applicant(s) and State(s) for which they are applicants:

SMITH, Jerry, R. (all designated States)

International filing date

09 July 1997 (09.07.97)

Priority date(s) claimed

09 July 1996 (09.07.96)

Date of receipt of the record copy
by the International Bureau

26 August 1997 (26.08.97)

List of designated Offices

EP : AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE
National : AU, BR, CA, JP, MX, US

ATTENTION

The applicant should carefully check the data appearing in this Notification. In case of any discrepancy between these data and the indications in the international application, the applicant should immediately inform the International Bureau.

In addition, the applicant's attention is drawn to the information contained in the Annex, relating to:



time limits for entry into the national phase;



confirmation of precautionary designations;



requirements regarding priority documents.

A copy of this Notification is being sent to the receiving Office and to the International Searching Authority.

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From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

NOTIFICATION CONCERNING SUBMISSION OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS

(PCT Administrative Instructions, Section 411)

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OCT 30 1997

Date of mailing (day/month/year)

15 October 1997 (15.10.97)

Applicant's or agent's file reference

DN 1627

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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PCT/US97/12310

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09 July 1997 (09.07.97)

Priority date (day/month/year)

09 July 1996 (09.07.96)

Applicant

SMITH, Jerry, R.

The applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to the following application(s):

Priority application No.

60/021,435

Priority date

09 Jul 1996 (09.07.96)

Priority country

US

Date of receipt of priority document

10 Oct 1997 (10.10.97)

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

For receiving Office use only

International Application No.

International Filing Date

Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

Applicant's or agent's file reference
(if desired) (12 characters maximum)

DN 1627

Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION

ELECTROMECHANICAL SWITCHING DEVICE

Box No. II APPLICANT

Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (i.e. country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.)

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This person is applicant for the purposes of: ☒ all designated States ☐ all designated States except the United States of America ☐ the United States of America only ☐ the States indicated in the Supplemental Box

Box No. III FURTHER APPLICANT(S) AND/OR (FURTHER) INVENTOR(S)

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This person is:

☐ applicant only

☐ applicant and inventor

☐ inventor only (If this check-box is marked, do not fill in below.)

State (i.e. country) of nationality:

State (i.e. country) of residence:

This person is applicant for the purposes of: ☐ all designated States ☐ all designated States except the United States of America ☐ the United States of America only ☐ the States indicated in the Supplemental Box

☐ Further applicant(s) and/or (further) inventor(s) are indicated on a continuation sheet.

Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as:

☒ agent

☐ common representative

Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)

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Box No.V DESIGNATION OF STATES

The following designations are hereby made under Rule 4.9(a) (mark the applicable check-boxes; at least one must be marked):

Regional Patent

- ☐ AP ARIPO Patent: KE Kenya, LS Lesotho, MW Malawi, SD Sudan, SZ Swaziland, UG Uganda, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Harare Protocol and of the PCT
- ☐ EA Eurasian Patent: AM Armenia, AZ Azerbaijan, BY Belarus, KG Kyrgyzstan, KZ Kazakstan, MD Republic of Moldova, RU Russian Federation, TJ Tajikistan, TM Turkmenistan, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Eurasian Patent Convention and of the PCT
- ☒ EP European Patent: AT Austria, BE Belgium, CH and LI Switzerland and Liechtenstein, DE Germany, DK Denmark, ES Spain, FI Finland, FR France, GB United Kingdom, GR Greece, IE Ireland, IT Italy, LU Luxembourg, MC Monaco, NL Netherlands, PT Portugal, SE Sweden, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention and of the PCT
- ☐ OA OAPI Patent: BF Burkina Faso, BJ Benin, CF Central African Republic, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroon, GA Gabon, GN Guinea, ML Mali, MR Mauritania, NE Niger, SN Senegal, TD Chad, TG Togo, and any other State which is a member State of OAPI and a Contracting State of the PCT (if other kind of protection or treatment desired, specify on dotted line)

National Patent (if other kind of protection or treatment desired, specify on dotted line):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AM Armenia | <input type="checkbox"/> LV Latvia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AT Austria | <input type="checkbox"/> MD Republic of Moldova |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AU Australia | <input type="checkbox"/> MG Madagascar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AZ Azerbaijan | <input type="checkbox"/> MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BA Bosnia and Herzegovina | <input type="checkbox"/> MN Mongolia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BB Barbados | <input type="checkbox"/> MW Malawi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BG Bulgaria | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MX Mexico |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BR Brazil | <input type="checkbox"/> NO Norway |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BY Belarus | <input type="checkbox"/> NZ New Zealand |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> CN China | <input type="checkbox"/> RO Romania |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CU Cuba | <input type="checkbox"/> RU Russian Federation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CZ Czech Republic | <input type="checkbox"/> SD Sudan |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> ES Spain | <input type="checkbox"/> SK Slovakia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FI Finland | <input type="checkbox"/> TJ Tajikistan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GB United Kingdom | <input type="checkbox"/> TM Turkmenistan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GE Georgia | <input type="checkbox"/> TR Turkey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HU Hungary | <input type="checkbox"/> TT Trinidad and Tobago |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IL Israel | <input type="checkbox"/> UA Ukraine |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JP Japan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> US United States of America |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KE Kenya | <input type="checkbox"/> UZ Uzbekistan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KG Kyrgyzstan | <input type="checkbox"/> VN Viet Nam |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KR Republic of Korea | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KZ Kazakstan | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LC Saint Lucia | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LK Sri Lanka | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LR Liberia | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LS Lesotho | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LT Lithuania | |

Check-boxes reserved for designating States (for the purposes of a national patent) which have become party to the PCT after issuance of this sheet:

- ☐ GH Ghana
- ☐ YU Yugoslavia
- ☐ ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
- ☐ SL Sierra Leone

In addition to the designations made above, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b) all designations which would be permitted under the PCT except the designation(s) of _____.

The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit. (Confirmation of a designation consists of the filing of a notice specifying that designation and the payment of the designation and confirmation fees. Confirmation must reach the receiving Office within the 15-month time limit.)

This sheet is not part of and does not count as a sheet of the international application.

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FEE CALCULATION SHEET
Annex to the Request

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International application No.

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DN 1627

Date stamp of the receiving Office

Applicant

SMITH, Jerry R.

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

1. TRANSMITTAL FEE 230.00 T

2. SEARCH FEE 440.00 S

International search to be carried out by US
(If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent in relation to the international application, indicate the name of the Authority which is chosen to carry out the international search)

3. INTERNATIONAL FEE

Basic Fee

The international application contains 28 sheets.

first 30 sheets 530.00 b₁

0 x \$10.00 = 0.00 b₂

remaining sheets. additional amount

Add amounts entered at b₁ and b₂ and enter total at B 530.00 B

Designation Fees

The international application contains 7 designations.

7 x 128.00 = 896.00 D

number of designation fees amount of designation fee payable (maximum 11)

Add amounts entered at B and D and enter total at I 1426.00 I

(Applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the international fee. Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) so entitled, the total to be entered at I is 25% of the sum of the amounts entered at B and D.)

4. FEE FOR PRIORITY DOCUMENT 15.00 P

5. TOTAL FEES PAYABLE

Add amounts entered at T, S, I and P, and enter total in the TOTAL box 2111.00 TOTAL

☐ The designation fees are not paid at this time.

MODE OF PAYMENT

☐ authorization to charge deposit account (see below)

☐ bank draft

☐ coupons

☒ cheque no. 11552

☐ cash

☐ other (specify):

☐ postal money order

☐ revenue stamps

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION (this mode of payment may not be available at all receiving Offices)

The RO/ US ☐ is hereby authorized to charge the total fees indicated above to my deposit account.

☒ is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the total fees indicated above to my deposit account.

☐ is hereby authorized to charge the fee for preparation and transmittal of the priority document to the International Bureau of WIPO to my deposit account.

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Deposit Account Number

July 9, 1997
Date (day/month/year)

Signature

Timothy S. Martin

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From the INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT OR THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

Applicant's or agent's file reference DN 1627	Date of Mailing (day/month/year) 12 NOV 1997
International application No. PCT/US97/12310	International filing date (day/month/year) 09 JULY 1997
Applicant Jerry R. Smith	

1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report has been established and is transmitted herewith. Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19: The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the international application (see Rule 46): When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet. Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35 For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The applicant is hereby notified that no international search report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that: <input type="checkbox"/> the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices. <input type="checkbox"/> no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.
4.		Further action(s): The applicant is reminded of the following: Shortly after 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in rules 90 bis 1 and 90 bis 3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication. Within 19 months from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later). Within 20 months from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later election within 19 months from the priority date or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference DN 1627	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> FOR FURTHER ACTION </div> <div style="width: 55%; font-size: small;"> see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below. </div> </div>	
International application No. PCT/US97/12310	International filing date (day/month/year) 09 JULY 1997	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 09 JULY 1996
Applicant Jerry R. Smith		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).
2. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).
3. ☐ The international application contains disclosure of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing and the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing

☐ filed with the international application.
☐ furnished by the applicant separately from the international application,

☐ but not accompanied by a statement to the effect that it did not include matter going beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed.

☐ transcribed by this Authority.
4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:
5. With regard to the abstract,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.
6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is:
 Figure No. 2

☐ as suggested by the applicant. ☐ None of the figures.
☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
☒ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/US97/12310

Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

NEW ABSTRACT

An electro-mechanical switching device (10) ensures automatic selected polarity interconnection between terminals of two power sources (14, 12). A double pole double throw (DPDT) switch (34) has three pairs of contacts. A first pair of leads connect to two pairs of contacts in a manner that reverses polarity when switched, while a second pair of leads connect to the other pair of contacts. A switch controller (36) employs a plurality of coils in electrical communication with the two pairs of leads. The coils are arranged and configured so that, when the two pairs of leads are connected to the respective power sources (14, 12), the coils cause an actuator to move the switch (34) automatically into the correct polarity state regardless of the connections of the leads. The invention is described as a battery jumper cable and to automatically connect like terminals of a pair of batteries (14, 12). The invention encompasses the method of this device.

NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220

These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under Article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and of the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the PCT Applicant's Guide, a publication of WIPO.

In these Notes, "Article", "Rule" and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions, respectively.

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should however be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims, description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 except where, e.g. the applicant wants the latter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international publication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only.

What parts of the international application may be amended ?

The claims only.

The description and the drawings may only be amended during international preliminary examination under Chapter II.

When ? Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

Where not to file the amendments ?

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 46.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been/is filed, see below.

How ? Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet must be submitted for each sheet of the claims which, on account of an amendment or amendments, differs from the sheet originally filed.

All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively (Administrative Instructions, Section 205(b)).

What documents must/may accompany the amendments ?

Letter (Section 205(b)):

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confounded with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

The letter must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended. It must, in particular, indicate, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application (it being understood that identical indications concerning several claims may be grouped), whether

- (i) the claim is unchanged;
- (ii) the claim is cancelled;
- (iii) the claim is new;
- (iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;
- (v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed.

NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220 (continued)

The following examples illustrate the manner in which amendments must be explained in the accompanying letter:

1. [Where originally there were 48 claims and after amendment of some claims there are 51]:
"Claims 1 to 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 48 replaced by amended claims bearing the same numbers; claims 30, 33 and 36 unchanged; new claims 49 to 51 added."
2. [Where originally there were 15 claims and after amendment of all claims there are 11]:
"Claims 1 to 15 replaced by amended claims 1 to 11."
3. [Where originally there were 14 claims and the amendments consist in cancelling some claims and in adding new claims]:
"Claims 1 to 6 and 14 unchanged; claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added." or
"Claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added; all other claims unchanged."
4. [Where various kinds of amendments are made]:
"Claims 1-10 unchanged; claims 11 to 13, 18 and 19 cancelled; claims 14, 15 and 16 replaced by amended claim 14; claim 17 subdivided into amended claims 15, 16 and 17; new claims 20 and 21 added."

"Statement under Article 19(1)" (Rule 46.4)

The amendments may be accompanied by a statement explaining the amendments and indicating any impact that such amendments might have on the description and the drawings (which cannot be amended under Article 19(1)).

The statement will be published with the international application and the amended claims.

The statement should be brief, it should not exceed 500 words if in English or if translated into English.

It should not be confounded with and does not replace the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and as amended. It must be filed on a separate sheet and must be identified as such by a heading, preferably by using the words "Statement under Article 19(1)."

It should not contain any disparaging comments on the international search report or the relevance of citations contained in that report. Reference to citations, relevant to a given claim, contained in the international search report may be made only in connection with an amendment of that claim.

In what language ?

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is published. The letter and any statement accompanying the amendments must be in the same language as the international application if that language is English or French; otherwise, it must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant.

Consequence if a demand for international preliminary examination has already been filed ?

If, at the time of filing any amendments under Article 19, a demand for international preliminary examination has already been submitted, the applicant must preferably, at the same time of filing the amendments with the International Bureau, also file a copy of such amendments with the International Preliminary Examining Authority (see Rule 62.2(a), first sentence).

Consequence with regard to translation of the international application for entry into the national phase ?

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that, where upon entry into the national phase, a translation of the claims as amended under Article 19 may have to be furnished to the designated/elected Offices, instead of, or in addition to, the translation of the claims as filed.

For further details on the requirements of each designated/elected Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE: PCT Patent Application for : Dated: January 9, 1998
Jerry R. Smith :
PCT International Application No.: :
PCT/US9712310 : Action: TRANSMITTAL OF
PCT International Filing Date: : PCT DEMAND
July 9, 1997 :
FOR: ELECTROMECHANICAL SWITCHING :
DEVICE

To: The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Box PCT
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed for filing please find the PCT Demand and Fee Calculation Sheet in reference to the above identified PCT Patent Application. Also enclosed is check no. 12145 in the amount of \$652.00 for the filing fee.

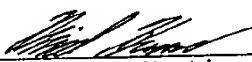
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-1940.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

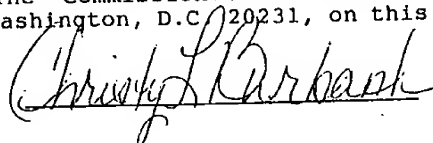
TIMOTHY J. MARTIN, P.C.

By:


Timothy J. Martin, #28,640
Michael R. Henson, #39,222
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(303) 232-3388

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10

I hereby certify that the foregoing TRANSMITTAL OF PCT DEMAND and check no. 12145 in the amount of \$652.00 is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as EXPRESS MAIL, LABEL NO. EI627082883US, The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Office, Box PCT, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 17 day of January, 1998.



PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

To:

TIMOTHY J. MARTIN
TIMOTHY J. MARTIN, P.C.
9250 W. 5TH AVENUE
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LAKEWOOD CO 80226

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FEB 12 1998
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NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT
OF DEMAND

(PCT Rule 61.1(b), first sentence
and Administrative Instructions, Section 601)

Date of mailing
(day/month/year) **09 FEB 1998**

Applicant's or agent's file reference
DN 1627

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.
PCT/US97/12310

International filing date (day/month/year)
09 JUL 97

Priority date (day/month/year)
09 JUL 96

Applicant
SMITH, JERRY R.

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority considers the following date as the date of receipt of the demand for international preliminary examination of the international application:

09 JAN 1998

2. This date of receipt is:

- ☒ the actual date of receipt of the demand.
☐ the date on which the proper corrections to the demand were timely received.

3. ☐ This date is **AFTER** the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

Attention: The election(s) made in the demand does (do) not have the effect of postponing the commencement of the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)). Therefore, the acts for entry into the national phase must be performed within 20 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 22).

For details, see Annex B to Form PCT/IB/301 sent by the International Bureau and Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

- ☐ This notification confirms the information given in person or by telephone on:

4. Only where paragraph 3 applies, a copy of this notification has been sent to the International Bureau.

Name and mailing address of the IPEA/US
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box PCT
Washington, D.C. 20231
Facsimile No.

Attn: IPEA/US

Authorized officer

Virginia Irbay
Paralegal Specialist
IAPD - PCT Operations
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Telephone No.

The demand must be filed directly with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority or, if two or more Authorities are competent, with the one chosen by the applicant. The full name or two-letter code of that Authority may be indicated by the applicant on the line below:

IPEA/ US

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CHAPTER II

DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:
The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only	
Identification of IPEA	Date of receipt of DEMAND
Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION	
International application No. PCT/US97/12310	Applicant's or agent's file reference DN 1627 PCT
International filing date (day/month/year) (09.07.97) 09 July 1997	(Earliest) Priority date (day/month/year) (09.07.96) 09 July 1996
Title of invention ELECTROMECHANICAL SWITCHING DEVICE	
Box No. II: APPLICANT(S)	
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.) SMITH, Jerry R. 5690 West Rowland Avenue Littleton, Colorado 80123 United States of America	Telephone No.: (303) 797-3029 Facsimile No.: (303) 794-4906 Teleprinter No.:
State (i.e. country) of nationality: United States of America	State (i.e. country) of residence: United States of America
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)	
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State (i.e. country) of nationality:	State (i.e. country) of residence:
<input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants are indicated on a continuation sheet.	

Sheet No. 2

International application No.
PCT/US97/12310

Box No. III AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The following person is ☒ agent ☐ common representative
and ☒ has been appointed earlier and represents the applicant(s) also for international preliminary examination.
☐ is hereby appointed and any earlier appointment of (an) agent(s)/common representative is hereby revoked.
☐ is hereby appointed, specifically for the procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority, in addition to the agent(s)/common representative appointed earlier.

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

HENSON, Michael R.
MARTIN, Timothy J.
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United States of America

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☐ Mark this check-box where no agent or common representative is/has been appointed and the space above is used instead to indicate a special address to which correspondence should be sent.

Box No. IV STATEMENT CONCERNING AMENDMENTS

The applicant wishes the International Preliminary Examining Authority*

- (i) ☒ to start the international preliminary examination on the basis of the international application as originally filed.
(ii) ☐ to take into account the amendments under Article 34 of
☐ the description (amendments attached).
☐ the claims (amendments attached).
☐ the drawings (amendments attached).
(iii) ☐ to take into account any amendments of the claims under Article 19 filed with the International Bureau (a copy is attached).
(iv) ☐ to disregard any amendments of the claims made under Article 19 and to consider them as reversed.
(v) ☐ to postpone the start of the international preliminary examination until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless that Authority receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)). *(This check-box may be marked only where the time limit under Article 19 has not yet expired.)*

* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES

- ☒ The applicant hereby elects all eligible States (that is, all States which have been designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT) except
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(If the applicant does not wish to elect certain eligible States, the name(s) or country code(s) of those States must be indicated above.)

Sheet No. 3.

International application No.
PCT/US97/12310

Box No. VI CHECK LIST

The demand is accompanied by the following documents for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

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| 1. amendments under Article 34 | | |
| description | : | sheets |
| claims | : | sheets |
| drawings | : | sheets |
| 2. letter accompanying amendments under Article 34 | : | sheets |
| 3. copy of amendments under Article 19 | : | sheets |
| 4. copy of statement under Article 19 | : | sheets |
| 5. other (specify): | : | sheets |

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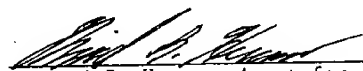
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The demand is also accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> separate signed power of attorney | 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney | 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify): return postcard |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature | |

Box No. VII SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the demand).


Michael R. Henson, Agent for Applicant

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1. Date of actual receipt of DEMAND:

2. Adjusted date of receipt of demand due to CORRECTIONS under Rule 60.1(b):

3. ☐ The date of receipt of the demand is AFTER the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and item 4 or 5, below, does not apply. ☐ The applicant has been informed accordingly.

4. ☐ The date of receipt of the demand is WITHIN the period of 19 months from the priority date as extended by virtue of Rule 80.5.

5. ☐ Although the date of receipt of the demand is after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the delay in arrival is EXCUSED pursuant to Rule 82.

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Demand received from IPEA on:

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CHAPTER II

FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Demand for international preliminary examination

<p>International application No. PCT/US97/12310</p> <p>Applicant's or agent's file reference DN 1627 PCT</p> <p>Applicant Jerry R. Smith</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only</p> <p>Date stamp of the IPEA</p>								
<p>Calculation of prescribed fees</p> <p>1. Preliminary examination fee \$490.00 P</p> <p>2. Handling fee <i>(Applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the handling fee. Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) so entitled, the amount to be entered at II is 25% of the handling fee.)</i> \$162.00 II</p> <p>3. Total of prescribed fees Add the amounts entered at P and II and enter total in the TOTAL box \$652.00</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; margin-left: auto; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">TOTAL</div>									
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<p><u>[Signature]</u> Signature</p>									

PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER	DATE: JULY 9, 1997
REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION OF Jerry R. Smith	DOCKET OR REFERENCE NUMBER DN 1627
ENTITLED ELECTROMECHANICAL SWITCHING DEVICE	

Certification under 37 CFR 1.10 (if applicable)

EI 051035953 US

"Express Mail" mailing number

I hereby certify that this application is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

CHRISTY L. BURBANK

(Typed or printed name of person
mailing application)

(Signature of person mailing
application)

To the United States Receiving Office (RO/US):

Accompanying this transmittal letter is the above-identified International application, including a completed Request form (PCT/RO/101). Please process the application according to the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

The following requests are made of the RO/US:

1. ☒ PREPARATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF CERTIFIED COPY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS—Please prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the United States origin priority documents identified in Box VI of the Request form (37 CFR 1.451).

To cover the cost of copy preparation and certification (37 CFR 1.19(a)(3) and (b)(1)).

☒ a (check) (money order) in the amount of \$ 2111.00 is attached to this transmittal letter. INCLUDED IN FILING FEES

☐ the RO/US is hereby authorized to charge the following deposit account no.: _____

2. ☒ CHOICE OF INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY—It is requested that the International Search be performed by the following International Searching Authority:

☒ United States Patent and Trademark Office (ISA/US)

☐ European Patent Office (ISA/EP)

The appropriate Search fee for the above-named Authority is indicated on the Fee Calculation Sheet (PCT/RO/101 Annex).

3. ☒ SUPPLEMENTAL SEARCH FEES (ONLY WHEN ISA/US CONDUCTS THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH).—Please charge any Supplemental Search fees that may be required by the United States International Searching Authority (ISA/US) to deposit account no.: _____

I understand that this authorization is subject to my oral confirmation thereof in each instance and that it in no way limits my right to submit a protest against payment of the Supplemental Search fees, but is merely an administrative aid to assure that the ISA/US may briefly complete the Search Report.

NOTE: SUPPLEMENTAL SEARCH FEES FOR ISA/EP ARE PAYABLE DIRECTLY TO THE EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE

1. ☒ DISCLOSURE INFORMATION—In order to assist in screening the accompanying International application for purposes of determining whether a license for foreign transmittal should and could be granted and for other purposes, the following information is supplied:

A. ☐ There is no prior filed application relating to this invention.

B. ☒ There is a prior application, serial number 60/021,435 filed on JULY 9, 1996 which contains subject matter that is

1. ☐ substantially identical to that of the accompanying International application.

2. ☒ less than that of the accompanying International application. The additional subject matter of the International application appears on page(s) and line(s) _____

3. ☐ more than that of the accompanying International application.

C. ☐ Disclosure information cannot be covered by the language of Points 4A or 4B above due to the involvement of several prior applications or for other reasons. A separate sheet on which the disclosure information is explained is attached to this transmittal letter.

5. ☒ REQUEST FOR FOREIGN TRANSMITTAL LICENSE—According to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 184 and 37 CFR 5.11, a license to transmit the accompanying International application to foreign agencies or international authorities is hereby requested.

SIGN THIS FILE

☐ APPLICANT

☐ COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

☒ (ATTORNEY/AGENT) 28,640

REG NO

NAME OF SIGNER (typed)

Timothy J. Martin

SIGNATURE

Timothy J. Martin

INFORMATION ON TIME LIMITS FOR ENTERING THE NATIONAL PHASE

The applicant is reminded that the "national phase" must be entered before each of the designated Offices indicated in the Notification of Receipt of Record Copy (Form PCT/IB/301) by paying national fees and furnishing translations, as prescribed by the applicable national laws.

The time limit for performing these procedural acts is **20 MONTHS** from the priority date or, for those designated States which the applicant elects in a demand for international preliminary examination or in a later election, **30 MONTHS** from the priority date, provided that the election is made before the expiry of 19 months from the priority date. Some designated (or elected) Offices have fixed time limits which expire even later than 20 or 30 months from the priority date. In other Offices an extension of time or grace period, in some cases upon payment of an additional fee, is available.

In addition to these procedural acts, the applicant may also have to comply with other special requirements applicable in certain Offices. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the necessary steps to enter the national phase are taken in a timely fashion. Most designated Offices do not issue reminders to applicants in connection with the entry into the national phase.

For detailed information about the procedural acts to be performed to enter the national phase before each designated Office, the applicable time limits and possible extensions of time or grace periods, and any other requirements, see the relevant Chapters of Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide. Information about the requirements for filing a demand for international preliminary examination is set out in Chapter IX of Volume I of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

Note that since ES is not bound by PCT Chapter II (which provides for the international preliminary examination procedure), that State cannot be elected in a demand for international preliminary examination. In the case of the designation of ES for a national patent, the applicant must thus always enter the national phase before the national Office of that State before the expiration of 20 months from the priority date. In the case of the designation of ES for a European patent, however, the 31-month time limit applies in respect of that designation if at least one other State designated for a European patent is also elected within the 19-month period.*

Note also that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

- * CH and LI became bound by PCT Chapter II on 1 September 1995. GR became bound by PCT Chapter II on 7 September 1996. Therefore, CH and LI may be elected in a demand or a later election filed on or after 1 September 1995, and GR may be elected in a demand or a later election filed on or after 7 September 1996, regardless of the filing date of the international application. (See 2nd paragraph above.)

CONFIRMATION OF PRECAUTIONARY DESIGNATIONS

This notification lists only specific designations made under Rule 4.9(a) in the request. It is important to check that these designations are correct. Errors in designations can be corrected where precautionary designations have been made under Rule 4.9(b). The applicant is hereby reminded that any precautionary designations may be confirmed according to Rule 4.9(c) before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date. If it is not confirmed, it will automatically be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant. There will be no reminder and no invitation. Confirmation of a designation consists of the filing of a notice specifying the designated State concerned (with an indication of the kind of protection or treatment desired) and the payment of the designation and confirmation fees. Confirmation must reach the receiving Office within the 15-month time limit.

REQUIREMENTS REGARDING PRIORITY DOCUMENTS

For applicants who have not yet complied with the requirements regarding priority documents the following is recalled.

Where the priority of an earlier national (i.e., national or regional) application is claimed, the applicant must submit a copy of the said national application, certified by the authority with which it was filed ("the priority document") to the receiving Office (which will transmit it to the International Bureau) or directly to the International Bureau, before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date (Rule 17.1).

Where the priority document is issued by the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the receiving Office to prepare and transmit the priority document to the International Bureau. Such a request must be made before the expiration of the 16-month time limit.

It is recalled that, where several priorities are claimed, the priority date to be considered for the purposes of computing the 16-month time limit is the filing date of the earliest application whose priority is claimed.

If the priority document concerned is not submitted to the International Bureau before the expiration of the 16-month time limit, or if the request to the receiving Office to transmit the priority document has not been made (and the corresponding fee, if any, paid) before the expiration of this time limit, any designated State may disregard the priority claim.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/US97/12310

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(6) : H02B 1/24

US CL : 307/127

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 307/127, 10.1, 10.7, 9.1, 130, 131, 10.8, 134, 138; 361/84, 82, 77, 79, 42, 246, 245; 320/25, 26; 340/636;

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 5,539,610 A (WILLIAMS ET AL) 23 JULY 1996 (23/07/96), FIG.1-4.	1-14
Y	US 4,471,400 A (REZA) 11 SEPTEMBER 1984 (11/09/84), FIG. 1.	1-14
Y	US 4,520,419 A (LOCHER ET AL) 28 MAY 1985 (28/05/85), FIG 1.	1-14
Y	US 4,857,985 A (MILLER) 15 AUGUST 1989 (15/08/89), FIG 1-2	1-14



Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.



See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:

A document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance

E earlier document published on or after the international filing date

L document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)

O documents referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means

P document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

T

later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

X

document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

Y

document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art

Z

document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

10 OCTOBER 1997

Date of mailing of the international search report

12 NOV 1997

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